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The Epiphany of Our Lord 9:30 AM



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The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.

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Pastor's Greeting:

Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed......CW 93 (NCW 384) Stz 1-4



- 1 Hail to the Lord's a noint ed, great Da vid's great er Son!
- 2 He comes with res-cue speed y to those who suf fer wrong,
- 3 Kings shall bow down be fore him and gold and in cense bring;
- 4 O'er ev 'ry foe vic to rious, he on his throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun! to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong, all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing. from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free, to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend, The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans-gres-sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty. whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, are pre-cious in his sight. his king-dom still in-creas-ing, a king-dom with - out end. his name shall stand for - ev - er—that name to us is Love.

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Confession and Absolution

L: The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: Blessed Jesus, at your Word we are gathered all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred, now to seek, love, and fear you.

C: By your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love you solely.

L: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

L: Your commands make me wiser than all my enemies,

C: For your words are always with me.

L: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

L: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: So that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

L: Yet, so often we have despised your Word, O Lord, and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow and humbly ask you to forgive us.

All: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

L: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the † Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN!

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, by the leading of a star, you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN!

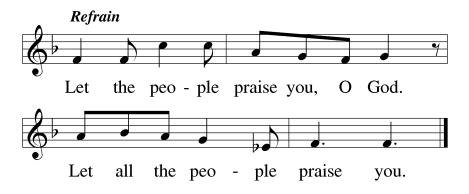
First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1–6 (NIV 84)

- ¹ "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
- ² See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.
- ³ Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴ "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm.
- ⁵ Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.
- ⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

This is the Word of our God

CW Psalm 72

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Endow the King with your justice, O God,* the royal Son with your <u>right</u>eousness.

He will defend the afflicted among the <u>people*</u> and save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long <u>as</u> the sun,* as long as the moon, through all gener<u>a</u>tions.

He will be like rain falling on a <u>mown</u> field,* like showers water<u>ing</u> the earth.

Refrain

All kings will bow <u>down</u> to him,* and all nations will serve him.

All nations will be <u>blessed</u> through him,* and they will <u>call</u> him blessed.

Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does mar<u>vel</u>ous deeds.* May the whole earth be filled with his <u>glory</u>.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

Second Lesson:

Ephesians 3:2–12

- ² Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.
- ⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.
- ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.
- ⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.
- ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,
- ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. This is the Word of our Lord

Hymn: How Lovely Shines the Morning Star.....CW 79 (NCW 370) Stz 1 & 3



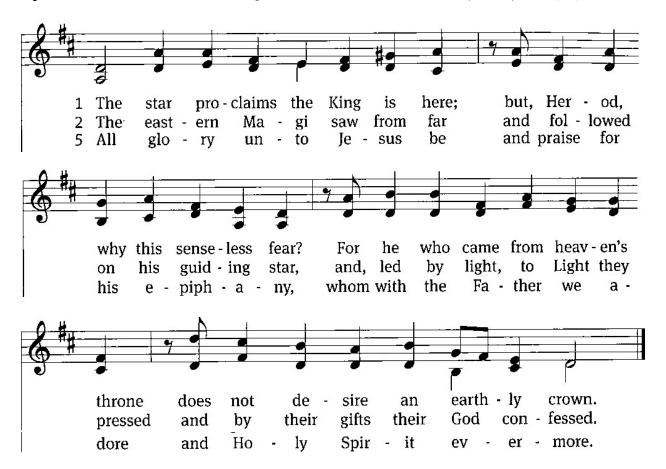
Gospel: Matthew 2:1–12

L: ¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked,

- C: "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."
- L: ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.
 - ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said,
- C: 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea,
- **L:** This is what the prophet has written: ⁶ 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'"
 - ⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said,
- C: "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."
- **L:** ⁹ After the Maji had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.
 - ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
 - ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.
- L: This is the Gospel of our Lord
- C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn: The Star Proclaims the King Is Here......NCW 374 (CW 91) Stz 1, 2, & 5

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Sermon:

The Wise Still Seek Him

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Apostles' Creed: (together we confess)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayer: Lord Jesus you are the Prince of peace. Shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the most remote corner of the earth, in the busiest of cities, and in every home. Open the lips of each of your people to joyfully share the Gospel with those they have contact; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. We pray as you have taught us...

Lord's Prayer: (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen!

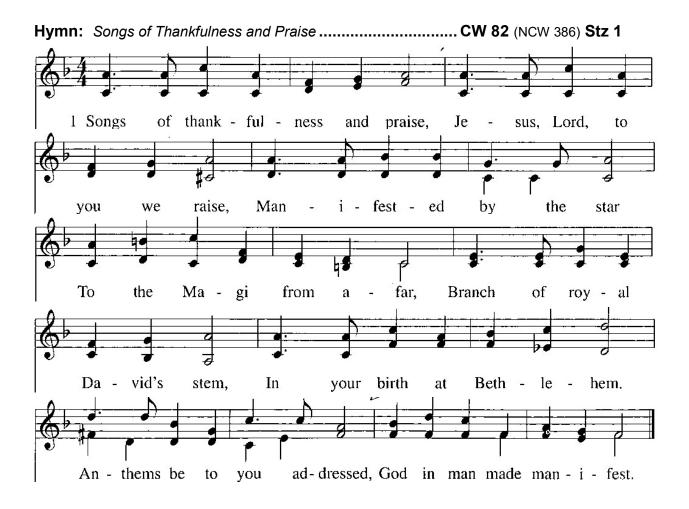
L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise CW 82 (NCW 386) Stz 1



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Su Jan. 9 9:30 AM	Mark F.	Jessica O. Communion 🚡	
Su Jan. 16 9:30 AM	Jessica O.	Paul T. Installation & Bible Study	Holo Bible
Su Jan. 23 9:30 AM	Dan M.	Jessica O. Communion 🍒	Barray.
Su Jan. 30 9:30 AM	Karen A.	Paul T. Bible Study	

January Birthdays and Anniversaries:

- 2 Bob Baur
- 7 Nick Carne
- 10 Tom Legg
- 21 Addison Wittmershaus
- 23 Lindsey Backes (Potter)
- 24 Ray Williams
- 27 Ryan & Keely Taylor 4 years
- 28 Sam Meister
- 31 Fay Jones

2022 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall January 22, Meister Family